

TREASURER'S ADVANCE — RESOURCE PROJECTS

**101. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the parliamentary secretary representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to the document “Treasurer’s Advance Authorisation Bill 2010: Details of Excesses and New Items for the 2009–10 Financial Year”, item 12.

- (1) Will the entire \$20.281 million being considered for the Browse and Oakajee projects be spent in the 2009–10 financial year?
- (2) If no to (1), how much will be spent on each of these two projects currently under consideration?
- (3) Will the Browse and Oakajee projects be endorsed by cabinet to proceed?
- (4) If no to (3), why is money being allocated to these projects in the Treasurer’s advance?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) It is currently anticipated that the entire \$20.281 million provision will be spent in 2009–10.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The government has committed to the Oakajee project, as evidenced by the inclusion in the 2009–10 midyear review of the state’s funding contribution—\$339 million—for common user infrastructure at Oakajee port. The government’s support for the Browse LNG precinct project is evidenced by the signing of the Kimberley LNG precinct heads of agreement in April 2009.
- (4) Not applicable.